



Messaging Themes on Job Growth and Creation

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When government grows, private sector slows

- The unemployment rate has now hovered at or above 9 percent for the past 23 months, topping 8 percent for the last 28 months.
- This economy is growing too slowly to replace the millions of jobs that have been lost. GDP growth in the first quarter of 2011 fell to 1.8 percent, down from 3.1 percent in the last quarter of 2010—this is the slowest economic growth since the second quarter of 2010.
- In the seven quarters since GDP began to increase in 2009, quarterly GDP growth has averaged 2.8 percent. By comparison, in the seven quarters following the 1982 recession, GDP grew by an average of 6.6 percent.
- The problem remains clear – government is too big, too intrusive, and too expensive to allow the private sector to create jobs at a rapid pace.
 - 1 in 7 Americans are now on food stamps—an 11.6 percent increase from last year.
 - Productivity growth slowed between the last quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011.
- These are not signs of an economic recovery; they're the result of a failed economic agenda that needs to be reversed.
- The solution for reviving our economy is straightforward: cut wasteful government spending to help the economy grow and help businesses create jobs.
- You cannot help the job seeker by punishing the job creator with higher taxes and more government red tape.
- The President's delays in opening domestic oil production is causing gas prices to soar and killing jobs. According to a study by Louisiana State University, the Obama Administration's de facto ban on American energy production could cost as many as 24,532 jobs in the Gulf Coast, and 36,137 jobs nationwide.
- When it comes to job creation, our nation's small business owners and the voters have called for Washington to rein in the red tape. Less costly paperwork for America's job creators means more jobs for American workers.

Historic debt leads to historic tax increases, which stifles job growth.

- To restore certainty to the economy and foster job growth, we must stop spending money we don't have.
- Our nation is in a spending-driven debt crisis. Debt and deficits are the symptoms, spending is the disease.
- The United States is currently more than \$14 trillion in debt, a record high, and dangerously close to surpassing our national GDP (currently \$14.4 trillion). Our record-level debt is equal to \$45,500 per American and \$127,500 per taxpayer.
- We cannot afford to continue borrowing 42 cents on the dollar, much of it from the Chinese, and send the bill to our children and grandchildren.
- In order to grow the economy and provide an environment in which Americans can prosper, we need to end expensive and ineffective government programs and remove the barriers of uncertainty that prevents employers from hiring.